Acalanes Blueprint

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Campaign Votes In Council

Members Picked By Class Ballot

At last, the size of Student Council has been settled. During the past weeks a special committee has been working toward a solution. Now they have come up with one — five elected representatives from each of the four classes.

Electing five persons from each class has cut the Council in size considerably. It is felt by the president of the Council that this will make for a more organized and efficient group.

Everyone had the opportunity to become elected. Anyone interested signed up and their name was put on the ballot. Approximately thirty students from each class got into the act.

From the Senior Class the following people were elected: **Kathy Desch, Pat Dickson, Dave Edwards,** and **Roy Rocca.**

To represent the Juniors **Chris Rinne, Jane Wolf, Marsha Bratten, Geoff Picard,** and **Stu Fox** were voted in.

The Sophomores decided on **J. Emerson, Nardy Fontaine, Sandy Grant,** and **Bill Hayt** to sit in council for them.

An the Freshmen elected **Philip Grant, Mollie Hunter, David Perry, Jonnie Thomas,** and **Sue Wolf.**

Congratulations go to all those who have won the election. (For further details see below.)

SCHOOL A CAPELLA HARMONIZES DURING WINTER OLYMPICS AT SQUAW VALLEY

OLYMPICS OR BUST . . . Off and running to the winter games at Squaw Valley will be the excited Acalane's A Cappella choir members led by Mr. Hansen. Shown here, getting ready to leave, from left to right are, Bill Palmer, Mr. Hansen, Pat Dickson and Totty Spragens. The Acalanes singers have never had such a great opportunity before. On February 18 turn your television sets on to see our choir perform in the Olympic pageant!

Thirty-Three Nations View Acalanes Choir at Games

Can you imagine how you would feel if millions of people and representatives from thirty-three nations were watching you?

A Cappella has been chosen to participate in the opening ceremonies of the eighth performance of the Winter Olympics which will be broadcast, televised, recorded and filmed for the benefit of people throughout the world at Squaw Valley on February 18.

"I am proud of our choir," commented **Mr. Hansen,** "and I think you'll agree with me that A Cappella is pretty fine."

Rising early to depart from the Lafayette bus terminal at 2 a.m., our singers will begin a strenuous schedule.

"The kids are really enthusiastic about the trip," said **Fred Gandel,** student director. "Even though we have had many minor problems, I think we will live up to what is expected of us."

After riding on the luxurious Greyhound buses for four and a half hours, A Cappella will pile out for a six o'clock breakfast at Colfax. Arriving at Squaw Valley at eight a.m. A box lunch will be supplied at somewhat before a rehearsal at nine a.b. A box lunch will be supplied at the Valley at noon. If everything runs according to schedule, the event that the choir has been practicing so hard for will take place at 1:30 p.m.

In the opening ceremonies Acalanes' singers will be a part of an ensemble of 2,000 voices. The songs that they will sing are as follows: "The Olympic Hymn," "These Things Shall Be" which was composed for the occasion, "God of Our Fathers," and "The Star Spangled Banner."

The director, **Dr. Charles Hirt,** of the University of Southern California, felt that in this event, which is only a part of the whole pageant directed by **Walt Disney,** we will be "a show-stopper."

"Once in a life time opportunity," is how **Jim Mossman,** publicity director, refers to A Cappella's participation in the pageant of the 1960 Winter Olympics.

Dinner will be at Truckee at approximately 7:30. After an action-packed day A Cappella will return home at 11 or 12 p.m.

After their trip to Squaw Valley A Cappella will rehearse for a district festival, which will be held at Miramonte. Then they will continue working on the operetta.

Noontime To 'Swing'

Have nothing to do during lunch? Well, the noon activities committee will take care of that. This group of students has made a schedule in which they plan to have something doing every noon during the rainy season. All the activities will be sponsored by various school clubs or the senior class in order to earn money for their projects.

The schedule is planned as follows:

Tuesdays and Thursdays — volley ball or wrestling.

Wednesdays — noon dances.

Fridays — play-offs between champs.

The second movie will be shown on "The Benny Goodman Story."

Most activities will cost 10 cents, however some will be free.

BIG CHANGE MADE

Student Council Reduction Approved

by DON MORRIS

Thursday, January 21, was a dark day for all those on the side for the reduction of Student Council. As the meeting adjourned, it looked as though the council would continue to grow until it would be an honor to be a non-student-council person.

According to those in favor of a smaller council, it was true that Acalanes had gained state-wide recognition by having the largest student council, but at the same time it was getting harder and harder to run any kind of a student government because of its many members. This was the point the ayes, headed by president **Thorney Smith** were trying to get across to the rest of the group. As the meeting went on, however, the "council cut" was being questioned and revised.

The biggest question at the meeting was over clubs. Should they be allowed representation or not.

Time ran out without a decision being made. But, "Never say die **Smith**" was back at it again the next day with a revised addition to the proposal. This time the bill was passed by a large majority.

Student Council will work as follows: Five members of each class will be elected through their English and History courses. They will then see how their class wants to vote on a certain issue and be able to represent them better. The student body officials and class officers would attend and there will be no club representation. Thus, student council will be cut almost in half.

This plan will be put into effect for the third quarter and if it works will be inaugurated for good. If it does not work satisfactorily, the old plan will be brought back.

Holidays Arrive

Abe Lincoln's Birthday Here

by SHEILA HORTON

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary . . ." oops! Well, **Lincoln's** birthday is here again, and, with it comes a special treat for the students at Acalanes — a vacation! (Hooray!)

For some this vacation means a chance to break limbs and crush fingers in the wide-open spaces of the snow country. For others it is a time to race around town with the "boys" while the "fuzz" race after them. Many catch up on lost sleep.

Parents really dread this holiday. For them it means tempers flying and westerns popping. Divorce Court really draws the holiday crowds before their television sets. Mother's "Linkletter" plans are ruined.

Teenagers are busy making plans for a "hot" party to be held that weekend. (This gets to be quite a brawl.)

In all this clamor, Lincoln is forgotten and his birthday is turned into a party time. Parents deplore this attitude, but one wonders how many of them, or any of us for that matter thinks of anything other than the holiday "spirits."

'G.' Washington Ate Apple Pie

by PAM DUNN

As we look forward to another day of sweet relaxation on February 22, we can't help recalling the man who made it all possible.

Everyone's been educated about Valley Forge, and how **George Washington** boosted the popularity of cherries throughout America. But here's a new angle, dear to our taste. It seems that George discovered apple pie!

George, being a ladies' man, was planning to entertain two of the fairer sex for dinner. Up to that time, pies were made of beefsteak or kidneys — never fruit.

George must have had a very embarrassing time that evening. Seems his cook invented a pie with apples. But after getting over the shock, it is believed that the ladies became quite fond of the new dish and forgave our hero — being quite fond of him too.

The fame of Washington and our debt to him will never be forgotten, but don't you think the discovery of apple pie is one of the greatest things he ever did for humanity?

Mary Clapp Honored By English Award

Honors galore! Mary Clapp finds herself winning two awards, one for herself and one for the school. Mr. Walgren (right) is presenting Mary with her award, while Mr. Mayes (left) is holding the award given to the school.

Recognition Gets National

Mary Clapp, Acalanes High School senior, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Frank Clapp** of Monticello Drive, Lafayette, has been awarded a National Certificate of Merit for "Excellence in English language skills" in competitive judging by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Miss Clapp is one of eight hundred high school seniors who survived a "rigid testing and judging program to establish her excellence," competing nationally with 5,000 top recommended students in English language skills for the award.

Both Miss Clapp and Acalanes High have been awarded certificates. The award to the Lafayette high school is presented on "the basis of the school's excellent instructional program."

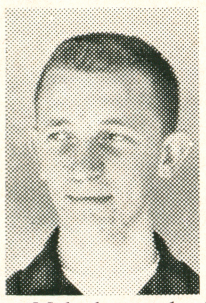
Although no monetary scholarship accompanies the honor, the National Council of Teachers of English reports that a survey indicates that last year's winners eventually received more than $800,000 worth of scholarship aid from other sources.

HIM

Basketball Swell, Ask Don Star, Mel

Ever since Mel Simpson broke his elbow while trying to stand on a basketball (at the ripe old age of six), he's rarely had the ball out of close reach.

Now, one broken bone and eleven years later, he is one of our star forwards. As a matter of fact, Mel admits that "he is going to school to play basketball. That's why I want to go to San Jose State, too." (Though he might study business administration during the "half times").



His biggest thrill, naturally enough, was playing in the Tournament of Champions last year. Of Coach Glines, he comments, "He's the best coach in the U.S. Too bad he's getting a pot belly."

Mel also made the first string all-league team last year.

Other than on the court, perhaps you've seen this 6'4" forward leading (?) songs at Young Life rally or taking part in Student Council as a class room representative. He is a vice president of Block "A," and got his letter in — guess!

Our "Him" has only three criticisms. He feels that "this school is a dictatorship," wishes very much that "Don Nelson would pay up on those two cases of beer he owes me," and, speaking as on who might know, "We need a bigger 'classroom' (gym) to play basketball in."

WOULDJA EVER

. . . have a make believe boxing match right in the middle of the hall? Joan McNulty and Penny Place were the "fighters"!

. . . guess that Leslie and Ned have their birthdays on the same day?

. . . jump rope in the halls during school? Members of the (unsophisticated) Junior class are pronounced guilty!

. . . believe that Dan D. is a real "swinging poet?" Just ask Sharon A.!

. . . fight off a "Romeo" from El Salvador while touring Mission Street slums? R.P. was lucky to get away.

. . . make your wife grade all your students' exams — poor Mrs. Dessler.

. . . be mistaken for Beatniks by S.F. tourists? What's the Junior class coming to, girls?

. . . be a traitor to the school and dance away the night with a darling San Ramon cheerleader — what's the matter with you, Mr. Mossman?

. . . get stuck in the mud while driving up a lonely hill to "turn around"!!! Jim and Marcia, next time take the bus.

Editors at Large

By STEVE HALEY

'59 RECAPITULATION

So the first semester has come to a close; it sure wasn't long. It seems like just a few weeks ago our teachers embarrassed us with quarter **report cards,** and doing it for a second time last week wasn't funny.

Most teachers reportedly dislike the **seven period day.** It means more work for many and trying to cram the courses down our throats in three weeks less time.

As everybody has seen, the old **bleachers** have been replaced with about 2,000 square feet of mud. All those who used the bleachers this fall saw **Mr. Rolfe Williams,** a former Acalanes graduate, coach his first varsity football team. He did a real good job considering the fairly rough schedule and inexperience of the players.

One must hand it to **Thorny Smith Inc.** for his exceptional leadership of Student Council. The reduction of this body has been the unattainable goal in recent years. Even if Thorny does no more than iron out resulting problems for the rest of the year, he will have to be regarded as one of our better Student Body Presidents.

'60 PREDICTIONS

I predict that our old school will last through June if the weather stays mild. As for the Gym, please walk lightly and do not lean against the walls.

Acalantes will win the **basketball championship,** with the big game being the final one between the Dons and Knights. **Paul Colin** will be first string all league, but a much deserving Clayton Valley will take our place at the Tournament of Champions.

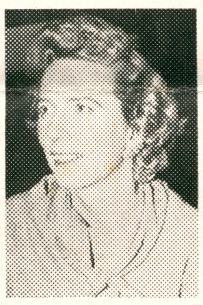
If all goes well, our silent rival, the **Aklan** staff, will work 24 hours a day for th elast three weeks to put out a good issue as usual. And school year 1960 will come to an end.

FEATURE TEACHER

So. America to Acalanes, Mrs. Wood Likes Donland

Taught, not teached!! Spoke, not speaked!! Interviewing an English teacher for a feature story for the Blueprint is quite a task!

After teaching school in South America, **Mrs. Wood,** our teacher of the month, has come to the conclusion that, "Acalanes is the nicest and friendliest school at which I have ever taught!" For the past three years she has taught English, Spanish II, and now the yearbook, which she enjoys very much.



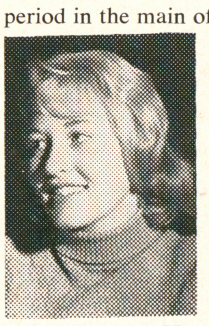
Mrs. Wood claims that the schools in South America are much like those in the bay area. The subjects offered to the students to be studied are much the same as those offered at Acalanes. The major difference is in the size of the schools, South American schools are about three times smaller than those in our area, with 15 students the maximum in a class.

Traveling, boating, reading, **good** music, and of course, her own teen age daughter are the five hobbies with which our teacher of the month finds herself spending most of her time.

HER

Pat Looks Ahead To Singing Career

Have you ever picked up a telephone and heard Mr. Mattson bellow, "Boy's P.E.!" "It's quite an experience," quotes Pat Dickson, our HER of this month. Pat is the switchboard operator every fourth period in the main office.



During this year's Senior Play and last year's talent assembly Pat proved her ability for dramatics and singing. Singing, she said, is her main ambition after she graduates from San Francisco State College.

Already, it is quite apparent that Pat Dickson is a fiend on traveling. Last summer she went to the Russian River and Lake Tahoe. This summer Pat wants to take a trip to Hawaii and back up to Lake Tahoe. Sailing to Europe is going to be her crowning glory within the realm of world adventure. Pat and several girl friends are already planning this venture, (they are going to bring chaperones, of course).

One of the lon grange ambitions in Pat's life is to be a non-conformist. However, despite this over-all philosophy she has one idea that completely coincides with the beliefs of many other Lafayette teenagers. "There is a definite lack of things to do here," she says.

Pat has some positive ideas about Acalanes. "What we need here is humor."

CALENDAR

Feb. 16 — Iowa Tests
Basketball vs. San Ramon, There, 3:30

Feb. 17 — Student Council 7th period.
G.A.A. Bowling.

Feb. 19 — Basketball vs. Las Lomas, Here, 7:00

Feb. 20 — Wrestling, North Coast

Feb. 22 — HOLIDAY

Feb. 23 — Senior Assembly

Feb. 24 — Water Ballet Cake Sale
Panel-Public Accountant, 4th period

Feb. 25 — G.A.A. Bowling

Feb. 26 — Student Body Mixer, Gym, 8:30-11:30
Basketball vs. Miramonte, There, 7:00

March 1 — Tennis vs. Berkeley, Here, 3:30

March 2 — Swimming, Interclass Trials, Here, 3:15

March 3 — Student Council, 2nd period
G.A.A. Bowling
Tennis vs. Lowell, There, 4:00

March 4 — Track vs. San Ramon, Here, 3:30

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SCHOOL SPIRIT?

Take a Look Around

DODGE: "I SAY IT'S 80% EFFICIENT." Marsala: "Well I say it's only 75% efficient!" So who cares about the game? This may or may not have been a physics examination, but golly, there's a game going on, fellas.

by PAULINE MARTINO

Have you looked around lately? I don't mean the condition of the grounds, but the cliques and lack of school spirit. Well, if you're a senior you might notice (that is if you could lower yourself) that things aren't as bright and glorious as when you walked around wearing the cherished halo of a freshman.

Remember at game time you hurried through a "before the game dinner" and then scampered off full of spirit and hope of winning, screaming the cheers so loud you were hoarse? Or, it could have been that you were just quietly thrilled. The after game dances were just fabulous, noisy and fun.

Oh, but when the "never to be forgotten day" arrived for you to be crowned an upper-lower classman you were happy, but didn't things begin to dim a little? Were you quite as jubilant when the fighting Dons were again victorious? Dances seemed to have lost some of the sparkle and you knew that the upper classmen felt the same way.

How about Rally? Didn't that sterling club lose a little of its shine and not seem quite so magnificent? Maybe we never realized it before, but most of the upper classmen just haven't got any spirit at all and it's affecting everyone else.

Some reasons are the feeling of being "above it all" and therefore not giving a darn! Also not having any real closeness to the alma mater, but what is the reason for this? It's because we don't have any traditions that bring the kids together. Not only the administration is to blame, but we, the students.

One thing remains for us to do, that is to take some A-C-T-I-V-E interest and get Acalanes back in the spirit which it deserves. Only we can pull ourselves out of the "snake pit" of being spiritless.

Maybe this is just going to hit your eardrums and bounce off, but if we take some interest in our campus, the fun we are having is going to increase in proportion to the effort we make. Now we're just inhabiting an educational "sweathouse."

Reporter Switches to New Beat at 'Squaw'

Instead of pounding the pavement for her beat, one of our reporters from Journalism will be transported up to the snow in Squaw Valley in order to present you with an inside story of our A Cappella at the Olympics in the next issue.

From 2 a.m. on the morning of February 19 to 11 or 12 o'clock at night, our snooper will have a full time job writing down everything that happens. When Blueprint sets out to get a story we don't stop at first base.

'Lafayette' Sun Shines on You

Beware! You're being talked about in the Lafayette Sun. "Acalanes Accents," a column now appearing in our local paper is written by one of our students.

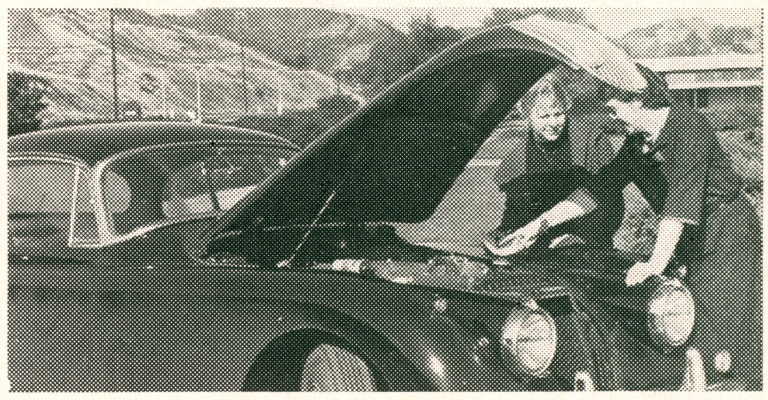
Names, names, names! That's what the column is supposed to contain. It's a "who's doing what" feature about you and your school, so look for it!

No Stories Plague 'Don'

The editors of the Don are in trouble. They pace back and forth, gulping black coffee and swallowing tranquilizers by the boxful. Insomnia plagues them. Their eyes are red, their faces haggard. What is the cause of their wretchedness? They lack material for their Literary Magazine. The stories, the poetry that graced the pages of previous Dons have not appeared. Is there an intellectual or creative crisis in Acalantes?

The Great Spirit that lurks within the dark, dank, lower reaches of room 108 has stated: "No Literary Magazine — no editors," Then he grunted beneath his fur and began chewing on the remains of a hapless Blueprint reporter.

Can there be any wonder why Don editors are worried? Save them from certain extermination. Join the crusade. WRITE SOMETHING!



"YOU MEAN THE ENGINE'S UP FRONT?" "Yes," says Miss "R." and she proves it by giving our Blueprint reporter a thorough tour of her Jaguar XK 150 inside and out.

Important Thing: Interior Decor

by LYNN McGAFFEY

A roar shatters the still morning air, and a gleaming black streak skids itno an empty parking place. As the engine cools to a purr and the smoke clears Miss "R." emerges from her "heap," a Jaguar X K 150(?)

This little foreign job is best seen from the inside. Floors are lined with thick red carpeting, and the seats, front and back, are red leather. They contrast perfectly with the shiny black exterior.

The hood wouldn't open so it's impossible to describe what's inside. Besides, everyone knows that the most important part of the car is the driver's seat, pedals, and the wheel. With what else can a person drive the thing?

Miss Richardson, our esteemed Dean of Girls and the proud owner, stated that her "Jag" had, "260 horsepower, six cylinders with an overhead cam, disc brakes, and an average of 22 miles per gallon."

This must mean that the streamlined little Jaguar would do well in a race. Anyway, back to the red carpet and steering wheel. All Jaguars can easily be identified by the black steering wheel which has a small gold lion head in the center. This wheel mustn't be confused with the four silver wheels which are attached on the outside.

Miss "R." has nothing but praise for her Jaguar and prefers a foreign car to any American model. She's certainly qualified to say. What girl could resist such a dreamy decor?!

Blueprinters To Hear Talks

It pays to slave on the staffs of the Blueprin tand Aklan when you get out of three periods of school. These two classes will meet other students interested in the same fields of Journalism from Miramonte, Del Valle, and Las Lomas. Ninety are expected to attend.

The class will be held from third to fifth period in our library on February 26. The Lafayette Sun will furnish the lecturers and material on editorials, sales, promotion and advertising. Any other questions will gladly be answered too.

If the lecture is a success you may be sure it will be continued in following years to help improve your paper.

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BENCH SPLINTERS

with "PED" and "LAMP"

In reference to the editorial in the last Blueprint concerning the Hall of Fame, The Sports Department of the Blueprint is of the opinion that the Hall should remain exclusively devoted to sports. That was the premise on which the Hall was started and that is the way it should remain. However, very little work has been done on the Hall since its start, and we suggest Block "A" get on the ball and do something about it or else let somebody else take the responsibility for doing the job.

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Selections have been made for the Annual Prep North-South Shrine Game in Los Angeles this summer, and the Foothill Division was conspicuously absent as far as representatives go. This division always seems to be overlooked in the selections, and our players deserve more consideration.

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We would like to salute the Acalanes "B" team, which is having a very successful season under the coaching of Bart Barnett.

* * *

The Acalanes Varsity goes for broke in the big one against Las Lomas this Friday. If they lose, they may as well kiss the championship goodbye.

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Leafing through old issues of the Blueprint, we found a revolutionary idea that was in effect a few years ago: co-ed P. E. Now, we don't know why this charming idea was discontinued, but we are heartily in favor of starting it again, and I am sure most of the Student Body will agree with us.

Varsity Stomps Miramonte, 45-32

Matmen Win Division Title

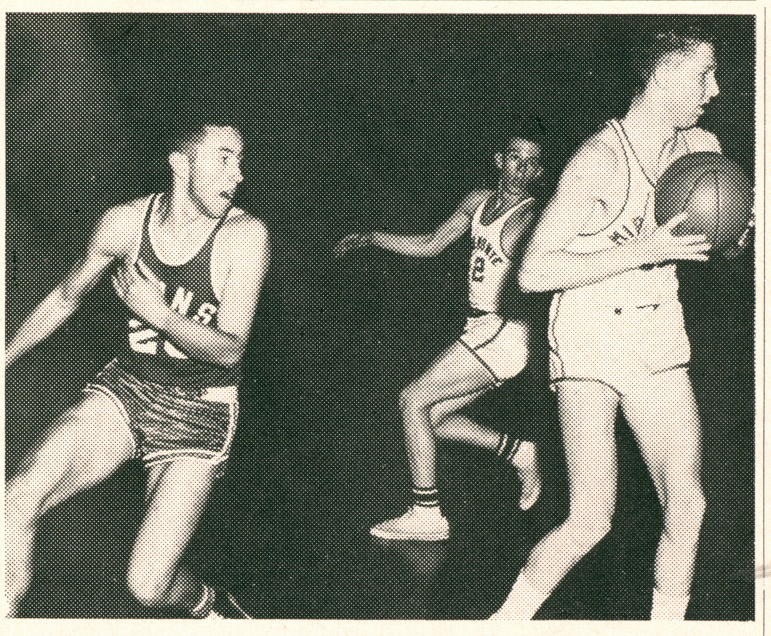
After taking the number one berth in the dual meet competition by defeating the Miramonte matmen, the Don wrestlers next proceeded to cop the Foothill Divisional meet.

On February 6, the Acalanes matmen walked off with the Divisional championship meet held at Miramonte. The Dons left after it was over with six first places, four seconds, five thirds ,and two fourths. The men from Acalanes had a team score of 127, while their closest competitor had only 87.

Following is a list of the Acalanes wrestlers who placed in the meet, and the spots they hold:

Tim Fox (103) third, **Jim Booth** (103) first, **Charlie Roeschen** (112) second, **Rick Butler** (112) first, **Bob Bruno** (122) first, **Mike Roach** (129) fourth, **Mark Mohler** (133) third, **Jerry MacPhearson** (138) first, **Bob Nadol** (138) second, **Jeff Davis** (145) fourth, **Doyle Turner** (145) third, **Jim Shaw** (154) third, **Lee Egland** (154) second, **Lee Britos** (165) second, **Jim Holden** (165) first, **Doug Nichols** (175) third, **Mike Mayes** (175) fourth, and **Denny Toll (Heavyweight)** first.

Under the North Coast Section rules, the boys placing first through fourth go to the County meet. Of the 21 boys entered in the Division meet by Acalanes, 18 of them placed and attended the County match last Saturday.



"Duh, What do I do now, Coach?" says Milt Howe (42), of Miramonte. Ready to take over is Tom Strain (20) of the Dons. Randy Thamen (12), of the Matadors, has the worried look in the background — typical of all Gophers.

Dons Whip Wolves 37-29; Downed By Knights 62-39

Acalanes hopes for the Division basketball crown suffered a severe blow as the Dons were literally walloped by Las Lomas 63-39. The Knight victory moved Las Lomas into first place and Acalanes assumed the second place position vacated by Las Lomas.

Having led 10-9 at the end of the first quarter, Acalanes lost the lead in the second quarter and never regained it. The score was 25-18 in favor of Las Lomas at the half.

The Knights really poured it on in the second half as they outscored the Dons 37-21 and won handily 62-39. The Nichols duo, Tom and Bob, accounted for 36 of the 62 Las Lomas points. Tom had 20, while Bob scored 16.

In a happier vein, the Don Varsity rallied to defeat San Ramon 37-29 on aJnuary 29. After leading 9-3 at the quarter, Acalanes managed to survive a San Ramon rally and led 17-14 at the half.

The tight play continued in the third quarter as the Dons outscored the Wolves 8 to 7 and led 25-21 at the end of the third stanza.

Acalanes put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter as the Dons scored 12 points while San Ramon could only score 8. The game ended with Acalanes on the long end of a 37-29 score.

Mel Simpson was the top scorer for the Dons as he scored 11 points. Tom Strain and Paul Colin scored 8 and 7 respectively. Colin gathered 12 rebounds for the high in the board department.

The Dons' loss to Las Lomas left the Knights riding high, and if everything goes as expected, Las Lomas will have the advantage in the next game between the two schools as the pressure will be on Acalanes.

Dons Pile Dirt Over Gopher Hole

by STEVE LAMPHERE

Regaining much of their spirit and desire, the Acalanes Dons Varsity basketball team rolled over a Miramonte five 45-32 last Friday night at the Gopher's gym.

Acalanes goth the first basket of the game, but Miramonte came right back to match the Dons point for point until Acalanes his two quick field goals in a row to take an 11-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter showed a tighter defense by both clubs, as the Dons got six points to the Gophers' four. This gave the Acalanes five a 17-17 lead at the end of the first half of play.

After the intermission the Dons picked up where they left off as they outscored the weak Miramonte squad 11-7 to lengthen their lead to 28-18. The Gophers started a comeback in the final stanza. They cut the Acalanes lead to six points, but the Dons poured it on in the last few minutes to win going away, 45-32.

Mel Simpson was high scorer for both teams, as he poured through 15 points, while **Paul Colin** hit the nets for 10. **Jack Gilbert** paced the Gophers with 12 points. Colin also did a good job of rebounding as usual, and held Gilbert, the weak 6' 4" Miramonte center, to two rebounds. **Tom Strain** hauled off nine rebounds in the game for the Dons.

BEE GAME

In the Bee game, the Dons dropped into second place as they were downed by a score of 33-25. Miramonte led from the start as they took a 9-6 quarter lead. But the Don Babes closed the gap to 14-13 at the half. A disastrous third quarter showed the little Gophers getting ten points to the Don's zero. The Don Babes garnered twelve points in the last canto to Miramonte's nine, but the Mats won the contest to take over first place in the Bee race. **Gary Miller** led the Dons in scoring as he pushed through ten points.

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